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SUDBURY URBAN DISTRICT
OR
BOROUGH OF SUDBURY
IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF WEST SUFFOLK.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1947

SECTION A.

1—General Statistics.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Population—Registrar General's Estimate—6,558 | Number of Inhabited Houses | ... | 2,400 |
| Area—1925 acres. | Rateable Value | | £33,946 |
| | Sum represented by a penny rate | £132 8s. 3d. | |

2—Extract of Vital Statistics for the year.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----|------|------------|------|
| LIVE BIRTHS | } | Legitimate | <i>Total</i> 134 | <i>M.</i> 75 | <i>F.</i> 59 | Live Birth Rate per 1,000, estimated population England and Wales | ... | ... | ... | 21·5 | |
| | | Illegitimate | 7 | 2 | 5 | | | | | 20·5 | |
| TOTAL | | | ... | 141 | 77 | 64 | | | | | |
| STILL BIRTHS | } | Legitimate | 6 | 3 | 3 | Rate per 1,000 total births | ... | ... | ... | 40·8 | |
| | | Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rate per 1,000 population | ... | ... | ... | 0·91 | |
| TOTAL | | | ... | 6 | 3 | 3 | Rate per 1,000 population, England and Wales | | | | 0·50 |
| DEATHS | ... | ... | 111 | 57 | 54 | Death Rate (crude) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16·9 |
| | | | | | | Death Rate of England and Wales... | | | | | 12·0 |
| Number of women dying in or in consequence of child-births | | | | | | { | from sepsis | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| | | | | | | | other causes | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Deaths of infants under one year—Legitimate 4 | | | | | | Illegitimate | 0 | ... | ... | TOTAL | 4 |
| Death Rate of infants under one year— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All infants per 1,000 live births | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42·5 |
| England and Wales per 1,000 live births | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41·0 |
| Legitimate infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 44·7 |
| Illegitimate infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages) | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | 0 | | |
| ,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) | | | | | | ... | ... | 0 | | | |
| ,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) | | | | | | ... | 0 | | | | |
| ,, ,, Cancer (all ages) | | | | | | ... | ... | ... | M 13 | F 10—TOTAL | 23 |

SECTION B.

WATER SUPPLY.

Plentiful supply, purity good. Analysis made 6 times with good results.

SEWERAGE.

A fair effluent has been maintained. No change made in the method of dealing with the sewerage.

SECTION C.

Health Services.

- (1) PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.
Medical Officer of Health (part time). One Sanitary Inspector. Member of Sanitary Institute.
- (2) AMBULANCE FACILITIES.
- (a) *For Infectious Cases.*
All cases are sent to Colchester, and the Colchester ambulance fetches the cases.
- (b) *For Accident Cases and Non-Infectious Cases.*
The Ambulance run by the Voluntary Aid Detachment of the Red Cross Society has proved itself adequate for the needs of the district.
- (3) NURSING IN THE HOME.
General. Two district nurses are available.
Infectious Diseases. No facilities for nursing infectious diseases exist.
- (4) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES.
There is a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre under the West Suffolk County Council, and attended by the County Medical Officer of Health.
There is also a School Clinic run by the School Medical Officers of the County.
- (5) HOSPITALS.
No change since these were last reported upon.

The following is a tabulated statement of the work carried out :—

INSPECTIONS.

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Total number of inspections | 1949 |
| Total number of re-inspections | 874 |
| Total number of nuisances found | 150 |
| Total number of nuisances abated | 150 |
| Total number of informal notices | 180 |
| Total number of statutory notices | 4 |
| Total number of informal notices complied with | 146 |
| Total number of informal notices outstanding (at year end) | 34 |

SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Dilapidated dustbins | 32 |
| Choked drains | 23 |
| Choked and defective eave spouts | 12 |
| Defective flushing apparatus | 5 |
| Keeping of animals in unsanitary condition... .. | 1 |
| Defective construction of drains | 13 |
| Dirty condition of dwellinghouses | 6 |
| Defective w.c. basins | 14 |
| Defective paving of yards | 1 |
| Defective fireplaces | 15 |
| Premises in verminous condition | 16 |
| Overcrowded condition of premises | 1 |
| Choked and defective rain water pipes | 6 |
| Dirty condition of urinals, water closets, etc. | 3 |
| Accumulation of rubbish | 2 |
| Defective roofs | 39 |
| Dirty condition of yards | 2 |
| Defective floors | 4 |
| Defective sinks, and new fitted | 20 |
| Choked and defective waste pipes | 6 |
| Broken plasterwork | 7 |
| Premises in need of limewashing | 4 |
| Offensive smells | 15 |
| Dirty condition of cowsheds | 2 |
| Defective windows | 7 |
| Dampness of dwellinghouses | 8 |
| Dangerous structures | 3 |
| Miscellaneous defective walls and structures | 46 |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Disinfections carried out | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

TEMPORARY DWELLINGS.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number of inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number of inspections of factories | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 160 |
| Number of nuisances found | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Number of nuisances abated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Number of complaints from H.M. Inspector (dealt with) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

BAKEHOUSES.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of bakehouses on register | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Number of inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 68 |
| Number of nuisances discovered and dealt with | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |

COWSHEDS.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number of cowkeepers within the Borough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Number of cowsheds within the Borough | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Number of inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41 |
| Number of notices dealt with | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |

DAIRIES AND MILKSHOPS.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Number on Register | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Number registered during year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | nil |
| Number of inspections | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 33 |
| Number of notices dealt with | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1936.

Premises used for the storage of, or manufacture of, ice cream intended for sale :—

| NO. ON REGISTER. | NO. OF INSPECTIONS. | NUISANCES FOUND. | NUISANCES DEALT WITH. |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 10 | 40 | 1 | 1 |

Premises used for the manufacture of preserved foods for sale :—

| NO. ON REGISTER. | NO. OF INSPECTIONS. | NUISANCES FOUND. | NUISANCES DEALT WITH. |
|------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 17 | 42 | 6 | 6 |

HOUSING.

During the year 298 houses have been surveyed.
The work of improving housing conditions has progressed well during the year as evidenced by the list of Works and Improvements. A large amount of work has been carried out in connection with the giving of advice on repairs of all kinds (not necessarily in connection with notices served by this Department) and the investigation and issue of priority certificates for building materials for repairs.
In addition, notices have been served, and work has been carried out, or is in hand, in respect to the general improvement of 7 blocks of properties, in accordance with recommendations of the sub-committee of the Drainage and Health Committee appointed to inspect housing conditions.

ANTI RODENT.

The entire Town has now been surveyed, treated, and re-treated, with good results, and in a manner satisfactory to the occupiers of the premises concerned, to myself, and the Divisional Rodent Inspector. Six major infestations and 82 minor infestations have been dealt with and two treatments of the sewers have been carried out.

FOOD INSPECTION.

125 condemnation certificates were issued as a result of inspections of meat and other foods during the year.

E. H. KERRIDGE,
Sanitary Inspector

SECTION D.

Infectious Diseases.

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED.

| DISEASE. | | | CASES NOTIFIED | ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL | DEATHS |
|----------------|-----|-----|----------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Measles | ... | ... | 83 | 0 | 0 |
| Whooping Cough | ... | ... | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | 9 | 3 | 0 |

The epidemic of Diphtheria occured in a hospital and 6 were isolated there.

AGE OF INCIDENCE.

| Disease. | Under year | 1— | 2— | 3— | 4— | 5— | 10— | 15— | 20— | 35— | 45— | 65 & over |
|----------------|---------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|
| Scarlet Fever | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... |
| Whooping Cough | ... | 4 | 2 | 1 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Measles | ... | 1 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 40 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Erysipelas | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Diphtheria | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 | ... | 1 | 4 |

TUBERCULOSIS.

NEW CASES.

Pulmonary 8.

Non Pulmonary 1 (glands of neck).

AGE INCIDENCE

NEW CASES

| AGE PERIODS | | | | | NEW CASES | | | |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|
| | | | | | PULMONARY | | NON-PULMONARY | |
| | | | | | M | F | M | F |
| Under one year | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1— | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 5— | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... |
| 10— | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 15— | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 20— | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 25— | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... |
| 35— | ... | ... | .. | 2 | 1 | ... | ... | ... |
| 55— | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 65 and over | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total | | | | ... | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | | | <hr/> | | <hr/> | |
| | | | | | 8 | | 0 | |